



# The University of Texas at Tyler

## Student Government Association

General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

- I. Call to Order 5:30pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes

Name	Absent
President Smith	
Vice President Bennett	
Secretary Dix	
Treasurer Luna	
Chief of Staff Peters	
Adan Govea	
Amelia McCain	
Amber McAdams	A (approved)
Ashlyn Mattern	
Bee Black	
Ben Buchanan	
Brandon Scott	
Brennan McGinnis	
Bryce McQueary	
Christine Barrett	A (approved)
Emily Helms	
JJ Rojas	
Jorian Khan	
Justin Vargas	
Kaylin Sheppard	
Kyna Holman	
Lisa Tran	A (approved)
Macie Kirkby	
Maggie Manning	A (approved)
McKenna Waller	
Tanner King	
Valerie McNamara	
Aisha Price	A
Asia Adams	
Anayeli Campo	
JaMaya Gossett	



<b>Perpetual Kyei</b>	
<b>Emma Owulebaja</b>	
<b>Angelina Lezma</b>	
<b>Ronald Carnes III</b>	
<b>Erica Santee</b>	
<b>Macy Reed</b>	
<b>MD Milon Uldin</b>	
<b>Alexis Minick</b>	
<b>Peace Okeke</b>	
<b>Kelsey Niet</b>	
<b>Emma Harlan</b>	
<b>Chief Justice: Chloe Burleson</b>	

**IV. Open Forum**

a. NONE

**V. Speaker's Podium**

**Dean of Students, Andy Pettee, and Director of Residence Life, Krystian Worsham**

**Andy Pettee:** So happy, November, and I am reminded by you in the back here who has a holiday? Starbucks string, which I heard was released yesterday. Well, when do they start doing the buy one, Get one free?. Maybe that's the day where you can buy one holiday drink and you get another one for free. I don't know. Maybe they don't do that anymore. But anyway, how's Everyone's uh semester treating you so far. November Third: right? We're ready to be done. All right. Are you graduating? If you're ready to be done, or you just want to put the fall two thousand and twenty-two behind us. I know you are all right. Who's graduating this semester? All right, all right. We're getting there. Christians graduating to all right. So semester's been going. Okay, we're ready for it to get done. Is it going as fast for y'all as it is for me? Yeah, this is crazy, right? All right. Anyway, I just wanted to check the pulse of the room and see how we're doing um. The reason that Krystian and I are here, and it's really Krystian. She is the orchestrator of the smoothest housing returning student sign up in the history of Ut Tyler. So a couple of things that we have done. I'm just gonna foreshadow what Christians gonna walk you all through to tell you what we're gonna do, how we fixed a lot of the challenges from last year that created anxiety for you, or even a little bit heartache. Um in terms of where you were living, who you were living with, and what that looks like. Um. So many of you know, we bought Star Res, which is a new housing software system that is like the Cadillac of Sa, of how housing software, systems. Um, it has a lot more functionality. Krystian is the orchestrator of implementing that program here. Um and Krystian came to me in the summer and said. This thing has so much cool stuff to do. And so she started digging into it. She learned how to write Code, She learned how to work with our. I don't know how to write code, if you all do. I think that's pretty cool, but I don't know how to do it. So Krystian dug in, worked with star, res got the system where we love it to be um to make this process smooth, she built new modules, and this is all based on the feedback that we received last year from the housing selection process. Many of you may be aware that we had to make a shift in philosophy, meaning we had to prioritize and have to, and we'll continue



to have to prioritize first and second year students in the residence halls based on our live on requirement. Right? So last year was the first year that we did that it was a little glitchy. Some of you may remember our old system, and we had a little. We had a We had to have a redo uh the next day. Um! Because we inundated the system. We have a new system. We've done some tremendous things to it. Um! And so i'm gonna stop talking and let the master. of this process talk to you about the ways that we're going to improve the process. The ways that I think will help us in terms of communicating, so that you know that you're not anxious about jumping in and having your friends jump in on the system, and and everybody and your mom and your brother, because that's what crashed the system last year. So everyone was nervous. Everybody was anxious. So we're gonna take that out of the equation and lay it out to you all so that you see it. You understand it. You may still not like me at the end of the day, and i'll try really hard to be likeable uh, but we won't Always be able to make everybody happy, because we just don't have the space, and as soon as we get new residents all built we'll probably fill those, and then we'll need more. Um. But for the time being this is the best way that we meet your needs. Reduce your anxiety and respond to the feedback and suggestions that you all gave us last spring and over the summer um. And so, without further ado, our assistant director of housing options, few short weeks Krystian Worsham.

**Krystian Worsham:** Hello, everyone! Thank you. Yes, as Andy said, my name is Krystian Worsham. I am the assistant director of housing operations. I am the person behind the curtain. Uh that makes this stuff happen. Um, you know, in the process, and I've been here for many years. I'm an alum myself. I lived on myself. I've been in our program for almost five years now. Um in the housing program, and specifically so. I've seen, you know the complaints, the concerns the problem, the crashing, the I want to live on. I can't tell you. When I get this roommate. I can't. I do all of it. I've been um. I've experienced it personally. Um. And so, really, in getting this new software, I wanted to keep all those things in mind and really create a process that they said to keep each individual student in mind in that process. And um in doing so uh today I wanted to go over what process I can. We came up with, uh based off your feedback to make this process run as smoothly as possible. Um, so I guess I'll have to do click through it. It's going to be kind of like a demonstration. There's screen grabs to show. I don't know. Actually, before I get started. I would love to see a show of him do who all currently lives on campus. vast majority that's really cool. How many of you guys who just raised your hand. Have logged into our new housing portal. but you know we still can get better. We can get better. I'm just getting um. But it's a really awesome new portal. Um! It's the same process. You get to it as you would have prior through my at Tyler, and we're going to go through all of that in the slides. But um, you know, it's a really awesome system, so we'll get started. I'm just curious how many of you guys lived on campus would be impacted by something like this. And how many of you have already seen some of the changes? So, um! With that we'll go ahead and get started if you can just click the next slide. he's giving you a quick preview. and we're done. I hope you love it. Um. Okay, So for those you have not logged on before to our portal. Um. On the screen is a picture of what the main page of our housing portal looks like um, so I can see, you know,



and you can see different things. I put special rules. There are certain people can see certain things. So if you don't live in room right, you're not um in room. You can see certain things like on the left hand side. There's widgets for things like, uh registering an animal completing a uh cancellation form uh going on that well, you can click on the car to take you to by your parking pass like just specific things to direct you to the right directions uh for students who live on campus as well as show you your meal plan. If you had one, your current assignments, your future assignments, and your future roommates. So if this is information that you see, you know in the future you wanting to know, or maybe you don't know it now. Log on um, so on. There. As I said, you can also complete work orders on here and on the top banner is usually where our applications will live. So you guys can see there's a big blue banner, and then there's that smaller orange one, and you can actually see right up there. It says academic year, two thousand three hundred and twenty-four application. And waiver that is exactly what our returning students will click um when the application opens to complete the application. Um say that you've decided you know what Actually, I feel. I'm ready to spread my wings, and I don't want to live on. You still need to complete a housing waiver, or we urge all of our students to complete a housing waiver. It's required for our fresh sophomores to have the requirement. But even for returning students well up to have you submit a waiver. Um! That helps us. You know track kind of where our students are at. Um. You can fill it out, and that's in the same process of what we're going to go over today, and I'll show you that as well. So that's our portal, the main page. Um! Here you can see there's like I know the technical term is in ellipses. I call it a hamburger. Um! You can drop it down, and it you can see even more options. So If you were an on-campus student, you have things like roommate agreements. Um, Again, Another way to get to your cancellation form, how to register an animal, and then around. Move in time, or say you wanted to be, an Ra. You may be directed to go to appointments to sign up for a time for check in check, out uh uh an interview anything, all those things would be communicated. But appointments would be the term to look for. If you're looking for something like that. Okay. So now we're going to get into the actual application process of itself. So, um! The application process in of itself is very similar. Right? The questions that we're asking um, you know none of that has changed. It just is gonna be it. Look a little bit different. The dates, the times in which these things will be completed, but the actual like me of the application itself is very much the same. Um. So this first page, when you get on, is your opportunity to select whether you want to live with um University owned or operated housing. Uh. So it this actually a drop down menu to choose between university under operated or university pines. Um! If you are a student who opted to go to the University of Pines route, it would redirect you to their third party website, where you could complete an application and follow their process from there. Um! Their application process is independent. Uh. So that's where you would differentiate that right there. If you select this your color, manage one that's shown on the screen, and you hit the save and continue button. It will take you to the next page where you pick the term that you're applying for. So uh, obviously today, we're going over this next upcoming academic year contract. But we do currently have a spring application only on not for our returning students. You already got a bed. Um, but for students who don't currently live on, you would see a



different term, so that changes per application uh process. But you can see below there It'll list. The term dates so you can prepare. You can know. Okay, When does my term start? When will I essentially be moving in around, and will I be moving out around? Uh? So when you're signing that contract, you're automatically being given those dates. So that's what those are. And then you'd hit apply. And this is our welcome page. So basically, ou can look people up, and this is my favorite part. Um, I've got Star as honestly uh is this roommate? Matching is so much better. It not only shows you you can go to the next page. Uh, not only can you look for people that you already know to look for uh, but say you didn't you didn't you? You just you got here last year. You met some people, but you like. I don't think I want to live with them. Um! You could actually go to that. There's a button that says suggest roommates, and you'll see a screen similar to this, where it will show people who have completed the roommate. Um, you know. Survey, and it'll tell you how much you match with them, so you can make an informed decision on who you want to room with, so it'll tell you so. Say, Say, I said, I want to live with Savannah, and i'm like you know what I think we really the awesome roommates and I log in here, and we have a ten percent match. Probably not the smartest decision for me to continue to go in that direction, you still, the welcome page is just kind of going over the mission of um. Our department that we aim, you know, obviously to provide, you know, inviting clean housing for as many students and all students as possible. Um! And then down there at the bottom is where that waiver process would kick in. So if you were one of those students who decided. You know what I want to live off. Um! I do Little I know the technical time for that symbol to show you. Um. It lists out all of the steps of the application process, so you can see as you're going through it, you can see how much you have left. Um! I had run through the full thing except for a waiting contract signature. So you can see that there's green check boxes along the side. It tells me where i'm at the process. Um! So you'll fill out your personal details, addresses um if you're under the age of eighteen, and you're applying. You must have, uh, I guess, Guarantor, you'll complete a proxy form. Um. So for our turning student session it be the case. But you know, just in case that is in the application process. If you're under the age of eighteen at uh application time, and we are going, okay, This is where things start to look a little bit different. So we've gone through the personal details. You know we've done the addresses You've picked your meal plan. You've signed your contract. Um! And now it's time to do roommates. The feedback we got uh, most of it, you know, was resounding like we want to live with people who we want to live with. Right. You've gone to school. You made connections. You have friends. You want to live with certain people. totally hear you. I was the same way. Um. So to accomplish. Both asks right You Not only do you want this person you want to live with, but you want a specific room. It's a tough task when we're very short on beds. So that is where our challenge really lied. And how can we give returning students both the opportunity to select their preferred roommate, and also give them the ability to pick their preferred bit. Right. So this is where things start to look a little bit different. But again, strictly just trying to provide you guys the best experience, the least amount of stress. Uh, and really just listen to the feedback we've received. Um go over exact dates, but essentially um. The application would open at the beginning of January, and allow all returning students to complete all of the steps prior and start to do this roommate preference. So just for that first week, all you



can do is fill out your application and do roommate matching. There's no bed selection, no stress. You're just getting in. You can go in there. You can fill it out, Be like Oh, I know what I want to live with Savannah. I'm gonna get in here. I'm gonna go find Savannah. I'm gonna fill out my stuff. I'm gonna take the week. I have all week. No stress about it. Um, you make a roommate group. I'm going to be the group leader. So I am. I started the group right? I I logged in. I looked for Savannah. I've found her. That makes me the group leader, right? I facilitated my roommate group. So as you can see on that page that's kind of where you would go to search people. Um, So you can look them up by first name, last name, email and a screen name. Maybe they picked. I don't know something something fun, and you knew it. You could look it up, and then you hit the search button, or y'all can still can. But at least you can go in knowing what your percentage of matches with those individuals so hopefully you can prevent roommate conflicts. Um, try and match you guys up to the best of your ability.

Uh: so yeah, that's a little fun thing about it. It tells you their gender. They have the ability to put it like a little description about themselves. You can look at that, too, and you can also fill out the questionnaire, and see what you differed in. So that's the roommate matching process, and that's what will happen. Um

in that first week when things open up. So just allowing you guys to take the time that you need to find the correct people thought the application without stress. on here. You can see what it looks like when you send a request, so you can see outgoing request if it's been accepted. Uh you can view their profile. So here you can see that we are in a group. So this is what it would look like Once your group is formed. Uh, you can see who is the group leader, and it'll tell you. Um, you know it'll say like you can search for each other. You can set each other, but also say, I did set my roommate group, and i'm like no what? No, you can cancel it. It's not sent in stone. Um, and they do get alert to get an email when you're invited into a group and you get an email. Once your people have accepted um. Or if someone just suddenly left your group, you would know you would get an email and say this person to spend the room in group. Um. So all of this is communicated throughout the whole process. But This is what it would look like, and this is the page where you can make changes. So after your Maker performed so any questions that's pretty much the bulk of the roommate matching of the process.

Treasurer Luna: So uh, my question is, if I go ahead and send Like a request. Does that automatically take them off of the like roster like anyone else can't?

**Krystian Worsham:** Once um. Once the person accepts the room at request. Yes, anything else, and I'll leave it open. I just. I know this is kind of new, so I just want to allow the space for a question before I just really try and get into the weeds of things. So if no other questions. Okay, Good.

Senator Mattern: I'm: on the portal right now, and I couldn't see anything that you just did. All I have is the is that what you were saying to? Just because it's closed like I can't go to like sign anything. And then returning student application closed.



**Krystian Wortham:** Yes, the application is not open at this time for returning students. That's what we're gonna get into in this long slide is what lovely dates you can be prepping for um as a returning student to apply as of right now what it looks like when we go to apply, though. Yes, once it's open. Yes, but yes, okay. So this is a lot of information, and i'm going to go over it. So i'm gonna come over here so I can read it a little bit better with you guys. Okay?

So as we went over the roommate. Matching will happen the week before for returning students, so that week. Um! It will begin at ten Am. On January third uh, which is a Tuesday due to campus closure on Monday. Um! So that's the week right before classes start. all returning students to be able to log into the portal that week before. Uh and do that full process. We just went through right. They'd be able to get in there. You'd be able to sign your contract, pay any app fees or anything you may have. If you have to pay that um, you can set up your roommate groups. You can get really settled in there to find who you want to live with uh in that week. Uh! And then after that group after that week is over, there'll be no more roommate selection. It'll close down. You can still cancel, or whatever to span your group, but the roommate matching will be strictly for that week. Um, after that week is over. That is, when room, like actual bed selection will begin. Okay, So we understand, like it kind of what was mentioned in that question just now on the portal. If you logged in right now it's closed you you're not. It's not open for our turning students. You're going to continue to see that close until January third. Get for that week. It will not let you pass it. Um! After that you'll it'll, then then open up even further on the following dates. So if you are in a roommate group, I don't know if I have any like. Do I have any sophomores in the room right now. You'll see you'll be a junior right? You'd be applying um. So it's going based off of your cumulative hours. Um! You can see down here uh room selection will begin if I'm a senior and undergrad right. I would fit into the Wednesday Eleventh Seniors right If I was a group, leader. It's going to open for me at that time to go select my beds from my roommate group, So it's just me that would have to log in and select the beds for my roommate group, so it's no more of a roommate group before all logging in, trying to hustle around and find a bed. It's. The roommate leader picks the bed for the for the group, right? The roommate group leader can only see beds that their group can fit into also. So. Um! That kind of reduces the stress of like. Well, can we get in? We get this? I I want to be here. Um! It allows less traffic on the portal, and allows people to be able to book themselves more easily. Um, So we'll go over the dates um as Andy did mentioned in preface with, Uh, we do have that pressure and sophomore residue requirement. First one have their own process again. This is just for returning students, so our sophomores would get the first day to get in. So our individual sophomores, who Don't join a roommate group, and our sophomores who are the group, leader would have the ability to log in on Monday at ten Am. On the ninth, and do bed selection for both their group and themselves. If they were in a group. Um! They have all day to do that. They're the only group will be in there, and then come Tuesday at ten Am. Juniors and junior group leaders would also be allowed in. So at that point both sophomores and juniors are in the portal and able to select their beds for both themselves, if not in a group, and for their groups, if they are in a group, and the group leader, if you are a group member of any of these categories, you will not be able to get to bed selection You'll be held at a page until your roommate group leader books you, so there's no reason to be



on the portal stressing, you know, like you have. Your group. Leader is the one taking care of that for you. Um, Wednesday. It just goes on chronologically from there right so Wednesday From there it would go to our uh seniors, and then opens to everybody. If we have remaining beds from there. I think that's the last one. Okay, um. And this just explains what I was saying. Basically once the beds are full. Um, as as it happens, uh all group people who are maybe remaining would have the ability to add themselves to a waitlist automatically. You'd be able to go in. Put yourself on the wait list um, and be able to remove and add yourself Oh, yeah, Your roommate group leader. If they weren't able to get a bed would need to to communicate uh and tell you, hey? Unfortunately, bedroom full. We have to put ourselves on a wait list, and you just go add yourself. um. And as I said, they'll only be able to see things that fit your roommate group.

**Andy Pettee:** All right. So I wanted to add just a couple small things. I I told Robert this earlier, so I feel like I should tell the whole group. Um! One of the things that we've also done this year to make sure that we have capacity. Um, and not have the bit of the debacle we had last year where we had to start, Stop and restart um is that we're paying to have additional capacity to the to the server into the software um. So while we still don't want everyone logging in when you shouldn't. um we're taking some additional precautions this year. Um spending a little bit of more money um to make sure that that doesn't happen. And I think that's really important. The other thing right is let's say you have three people, and there's only doubles left. You're going to have to talk it out. Team right? You're gonna have to talk with your roommates and figure out. If there's only doubles left, somebody is going to be the odd person out right? Um, and that could happen right. So the one thing that I'm warning you ahead of time. Um, is that if I were you, let's say, and this would never happen. Me, Chloe and Rob are going to all room together. Um next year in Liberty landing. But there's no triples left. I would hope that Rob Chloe and I were like I don't know, on a phone call or a group chat, or whatsapp all those cool things? Um to make sure that you're all aware right, because it's going to be a pretty nimble process. You have to be ready to move if there's something that's not available. Right? We have very. There are some very popular rooms layout. that students really like. So those are likely going to go factor. So my suggestion to you all, since you get the pleasure of being with Christian and I this evening my hint to you would be be ready to be nimble. Have options, one, two, three, and then maybe even like, what do we do if third, one, doesn't work out right? So the planning is going to be important for you and your roommate group, because it may not work the way that you wanted it to. **So** everybody got a good handle on that. Be ready to communicate. Be ready to work together all of those good things. One thing I did want to add, I know that it may seem. weird, right like you may be like Whoa! Why would you do it that way? It truly is to limit the traffic right to limit the stress. You have a designated day based on your classification to go in. It's not everyone spend for all, not two two hundred people trying to get on all the same time it is geared to specific populations. So I do. I kindly ask you know, I just do kindly ask that while it is important to be, n you know, think through your options, think through your plan accordingly. I ask you, you do respect the process, and and understand when your times are and um in the process. I didn't





directly go over it, but when you're doing the roommate matching it tells you what we show your current hours to be. that if you know it is not your time, please do not try, is not going to work um. And you know we did up our thing, but trying when it's not time is what causes issues, people being on too many people on the server. Um. And so  
So when you're in there, it says we show you're at link hours, if you say Well, that's not right. You have that full week to work with us right, or or whatever um to get things squared away prior to room selection, when that stuff really matters right? Um, and to into playing accordingly with your roommates. You know who your group leader is. So you know I'm gonna have to wait here, so I maybe you know, pick the the person I feel fits as best to get us what we need Right? Oh sorry, It is a positive. Can we get just some comments? Tell me what you love, and if you don't like something that's hold that till the end.

**Senator McNamara:** I'm kind of jumping ahead here. But um, so I'm graduating at the end of the summer. So I don't have to do any of this. But is it going to be the same type of thing for summer housing, or is it going to look different? Alright, so like, say you and two of their friends decide you want to get a like third roommate or a fourth roommate from just random selection. Nobody else likes them. They, like you. Is the roommate like leader, able to kind of kick them out of the roommate group. Or is that like it's an it's It's a very negative thing. But like just yeah for the test of things.

**Krystian Worsham:** Yes. So, the roommate group leader could disband the group and reform a group. You can't really kick people out. You could disband the entire group.

**Senator Mattern:** I was just gonna ask how they like why they chose to do sophomores, juniors and seniors?

**Andy Pettee:** That's a It's a really good question. Um. So we have a requirement for our first year and second year students, and so we have to give preference to our first and second year students, then our juniors, and then our seniors.

**Senator Buchanan:** Uh. So I was curious. So say you have a group of three, and there is a sophomore and two seniors. Do you go with the sophomore, or whoever the group leader is, Does the senior have to be the group leader, or how does that work?

**Krystian Worsham:** That's a decision for you to make

**Senator Buchanan:** That was the first of my questions. I had the second one. Um! What about for certain people whose um jobs on campus are like they're paid by um University housing, so say, like ras pep, coaches and stuff. How does that work like? What day that they go in on. Will they go in with like sophomores and stuff, or do they still have to wait for their classification?

**Krystian Worsham:** They would still wait for the classification. Um. We work with departments um to ensure all you know. Requirements are met for positions, so we would meet that as it was needed if something was to come up



**Senator McGinnis:** All right. So when you all say like first and second years, is it second years by credit hours like the sophomores who didn't get enough credit hours, and would still be considered sophomores or

**Krystian Worsham:** Yes, it will be based by credit hour. That's the Yes. University goes based off of credit hour for classification.

**Senator McCain:** Um. So, if I signed the contract and then went through and found out there was no place in liberty to live. Would I be able to easily cancel that contract, or would I have to like.

**Krystian Worsham:** Yes, okay, yes. And please cancel if you were going through and you got there, and you were. Say, you didn't do a roommate group right? You were just a solo you were going through. It was your time, and you're like, dang they don't got what I want. No, Biggie, Send us an email. Do a lot of contract cancellation. Uh, and we'll get that canceled for you. I will have to. We can put that in the email. We are sending out a fall. Um application reminder in this process email at the end of this month I'll ensure that that's included in there. I just do not want to give this incorrect date in this meeting, so can't just off the top of the head right now. But we will ensure that is, in that meeting at the end of this month.

New person: Okay, my question is, if it was like a group of three where we wanted to live in one of the four bedrooms. Um, Would it like randomly generate a third, a fourth person? Or are we going to need to like, Have it? Fourth person before we can kind of apply.

**Krystian Worsham:** Yeah, that's a great question. Um. So, as a group, the group leader would be able to see anything, any room option that their group fit into, so they could see a four bedroom, and you would Just the group leader would pick three beds for the three of you. It would leave that one space available for somebody like a senior who wanted a four bedroom right to go in and select it for themselves.

**Andy Pettee:** We endearingly call roommates that you don't know Randos, and I assure you that if you don't have a fourth and a four bedroom, you will get somebody. I lived with a random my first year, and it was great. We got along fantastic, but just know that if you're a three, you know, in case anyone's wheels are turning, and I don't think they are. You would never get three students in a four bedroom without a fourth. So, I just wanted to clarify that we will use every space on campus.

**Chief of Staff Peters:** Um. Since we're applying in the middle of the school year, or your credit hours like what you have completed, or what or expected to complete.

**Krystian Worsham:** It's based off expected completion.



**Senator Buchanan:** This is kind of going off of Emma's question. But um, so say that you get to the end, and there's only four bedrooms available. But you have a three bedroom group. Can you then do like the like, the roommate match and be like, Okay, wait. This looks like a good roommate. I want to request to see if they can be in my group of four for this four bedroom.

**Krystian Worsham:** Yeah, that's a little bit longer of an answer. So I want didn't want to lean over and answer. You can past that first week. You can disassemble the group, but you could not go form another group, that group matching whatever all happens in that first week, which is why we're giving it a full week to really take your time and match up with as many people as you want. So if you, if you knew like, oh, I I may want to for it. You can always match at the fourth and pick a cool person. Pick a cool random.

**VP Bennett:** Um. So, with the roommate with the roommate groups. Um, say you have a sophomore in there, and you have two seniors like what Ben was talking about, and the sophomore just ended up forgetting. And a lot of the seniors are busy with other things. Will there be a form of reminders email sent from housing to that sophomore to remind them to do it or no.

**Krystian Worsham:** Um, you know, as an office improved communication is something we're actively pursuing, and are actively doing. I hope that those that live on campus already feel that way. Um! And we are continuing to send remind communication, but not to sophomores in particular, to all returning students, as soft reminders of deadlines.

**Andy Pettee:** Which means, if you're in a group, pick somebody like Soren, who's super responsible to be your group Leader.

**Secretary Dix:** Um, I'm just curious for people who don't have roommate groups, and they're trying to like hope that they become the Rando person. How much selection do they get? Or is it just like whatever is open they get, or do they get to see it? And maybe say, oh, these are similar people with grade classification, or how?

**Krystian Worsham:** Yeah, that's a great question. Thank you for asking that. Um, I mean I think it's even you know It's just as fair, I think. There's in my experience. There's roommate groups, but I feel like. Actually, there's a lot more just like individuals looking for a bed. Um! When you go into the room selection process uh it'll show you availability based off what's available for you right again. If you're a group leader you'll only see what's available for your group. If you're an individual, you'll only see what you could get into um, and in the room it'll tell you who's the current occupants right? So if that room is open for you, and it's a four bed, and there's one bed left. You can see who the other three people are, and you could go look at their profiles to kind of match yourself accordingly.



**President Smith:** Any other questions? All right. Well, seeing none. Thank you so much for coming. We really appreciate it, especially this new program to hopefully. Not have any crashing servers. So thank you all so much.

## **Officer Reports**

### **a. President Smith**

All right. Well, let's continue on with our meeting. We'll go ahead and move right on to officer reports. Um This week I had a number of meetings. Um I met with Vice President on a Tolliver Um. I also met on the Homecoming committee um last Friday, which we'll discuss a little bit more. just to get some feedback from y'all. But um in addition to that Tuesday I met with President Calhoun Um discussed various things with him. One of the things that he announced to me was that Um, they do have um plans, and this is very loose term for plans to um. Add residents housing and um that residence housing that they plan to add, would be a brand newly brand new uh complex right next to Liberty Landing to the right, where the corner of University Boulevard and old omen is, and then, in addition to or no, it's all. So that is the plan right now, and hopefully, that will aid in our bed shortage. But, um! Among other things, one of the things that he was open to Was um community living or living, learning communities? Um. And so this could be a number of things I know already. They kind of have some sort of system for, like, say, nursing students living together. But, um! This could potentially be opened up to um, maybe organizations or something like that. And so that'll be different talks uh that we'll probably have, as that project moves forward. In addition to that, I met with chief business Officer Dwayne Morris uh yesterday um, and talked about a few things. One of the things that we actually ended up talking about was parking um, and weirdly enough, not because I requested to talk about it. You just wanted to. So that was awesome. Um, but one of the things he wanted to let us know is that um. They are still looking for ways to improve parking, whether it be more of it or just simply be um different methods. One of the different methods that they're trying to um tackle right now is how bad uh event parking is whenever they block off um parking spaces, because in a lot of ways Um, we don't necessarily have too much of a parking problem, but we do have it whenever they are blocking off spaces, especially so. Um, they're looking at ways to try and fix that, especially whenever there's events that they're hosting at like six Pm. But those spaces have been blocked off since nine. Am. Um, that doesn't make sense. But um, they're actively looking into it, which is encouraging it in the past. It hasn't really been on anybody's radar. So um! And then I plan to meet with um Dean Willis um the dean of the School of Medicine this next Monday. Um, just to discuss. And uh, Dr. Julie Philly at some point just to discuss um the growth of Ut Tyler and the growth of the Medic um the School of Medicine uh in particular. So and that's most of what's been on my radar. I'll pass it over to Vice President Bennett.

### **b. Vice-President Bennett**

Uh. So uh we've been putting the okay good It does show up on there. So we've been putting together the stuff for the midterm election watch party next week. We'll be going into that deep into those details. Later on in an announcements.



**c. Secretary Dix**

It's been a pretty slow week for me. I'm not feeling great. But um! I've just been working on getting posts ready. I have one ready for the watch party. Um! But I'm probably going to do a couple more, and then the rest of my stuff is going to be in committees, even though we didn't meet this week.

**d. Treasurer Luna**

Hello, um! I'm excited Well, personally, because I'm taking a leave of absence from Walmart, so I'll actually have weekends free. And so I'm really expecting to get a lot of my school work done and focus more on the organizations that I'm in as well. Uh, when it comes to our actual office of stuff I'm going to start reaching out to groups, so they know that uh, it's almost time for finals, and they won't. Be able to request any monies Um! And then Yesterday I went to the history clubs, the Hoot Night, hosted by our chief of staff leaders, and I won third place twice. So as a kinesiology Major. That's exciting for me.

**e. Chief of Staff Peters**

I've just been reviewing the Constitution and creating the General Assembly Time Presentation for next week.

**Committee Reports**

**a. Events**

Okay, Um. For Events Committee. We were really just talking about um. The election watch bar that's going up this Tuesday and then um starting to get on for the finals. Goody bags.

**b. Communications**

Yeah. So obviously we didn't meet. But next week we're going to get started on um doing the posts for each of the colleges and each of the committees. So get your headshots ready. They're going to be posted by representation, and it might be over Thanksgiving. I don't know. I'm trying to think of when most people are on their phones. Um. So yeah, get your head shots ready, because I will be asking for them

**c. SGAC**

So uh this week I had Robert host uh, just to prevent any conflict, since I am in one of those groups. Uh. So we actually approved two groups. The American Society of Heating, refrigerating, and air Conditioning, or Ashray, got approved for two hundred dollars and seventy cents uh for tickle a soda and cookies for the engineering keynote speaker that they're going to have on the seventeenth uh during lunch time, if anyone's interested in uh, And then the Hispanic to an association. Obviously, that's the one i'm a. We did have to deny one uh it was the National Society, black engineers. This would have been their second time requesting funds uh, but they're requesting four hundred and eighty-seven for conference slash travel fees, which, if look the Sgac guidelines, we cannot approved that. So uh, I had to email them, and I haven't gotten



anything back. So I guess they either Haven't looked at it or they got the point. Um! It also would have passed their five hundred cap for the semester, so we could have done it anyways.

f. **Rules**

Yeah. So we're working on gathering data from the registrar's office and other places about so that we can form the best possible day for General Assembly. So he's been looking at information on different sources on that.

g. **ESC**

**Nothing to Report**

h. **GSA**

**Nothing to Report**

**VI.**

**VII.**

**VIII.**

**Student Voice Reports**

**i. School of Nursing:**

**Senator McCain:** Yes, so about two months ago, or a month and a half ago we met with Dean Chilton, and we kind of we're able to talk her about some of the expectations and some like fun ideas. Um! And we were just kind of able to like express like what we would like to see in nursing school, and she was able to tell us some really cool information about that. Um. And then already. Yeah. And so I met with um, Susan McBride, and we were able to talk about research opportunities for nursing students and trying to get that started because that seems like something she's really passionate about. And so I'm hopefully going to be with her soon, and we can talk about that. But Yeah, And you know, classes are in full swing. Everyone's stressed.

**Senator McNamara:** Okay. So um. I've been in contact. I talked a little bit about like service, and wanted to do more service, so I've been in contact with Todd at Path, and we got a day for house painting for the nursing students. That's going to be November twelfth. It's a Saturday morning. Um! That's gonna happen. We're trying to get um hours for everyone like they can get clinical hours for that. So that'll be really fine. A bunch of nursing students painting a house that's really cool. Um! And then Belinda Deal is one of the professors. She was like, Oh, I can't come. Is there anything again, donate? So she's going to get us all snacks, so I y'all are the only two nursing people here. But if you want to go, please go. So that's me really cool. And then hopefully, more service events going on. And then yeah, just overall stress. hopefully, more service events going on. And then yeah, just overall stress.

**College of Education and Psychology:**

**Senator Vargas:** First off. Just so, announced tomorrow. Not tomorrow. The eighth. I'm sorry. The eighth next week uh cep is going to be having a career fair. Um! I believe it's in the ballroom. It's going to be from like eleven to one. Um, so we're just going to be



able to go out. Just talk to a couple of different, like employers and stuff. also. Next Wednesday we me and the rest of the other CEP Senators. We're meeting with the interim dean um Dr. Sass. So, we set up monthly meetings with her. and then the last thing I got is the last time I reported we had talked about how um the previous Dean had stepped down Dean Hicky. Um! But now there's a search committee for that, and I just got A couple of weeks ago I got invited to sit on that Dean Search Committee. So that's gonna be pretty interesting. Why, we go, and you know, look for a new dean. Um, my first meetings on Monday. And So that's all. I got the report.

### **School of Medicine:**

**Senator Kyei: Nothing to Report**

### **Old Business**

**Nothing to add.**

### **New Business**

#### **a. Homecoming Discussion**

**President Smith:** Um, all right, and then we'll go ahead and move on to new business, seeing as there is no old business. I entertain a motion to discuss homecoming. Um, so let me go ahead and stop share the agenda. So, as I mentioned earlier, I Um, I've been able to sit on um homecoming committee. Um, now none of the events that you see here are set in stone Set midnight breakfast. Um! But um! These are a bunch of the proposed events for homecoming. One of the ones that are is also up there is that, uh, has been suggested as formal a homecoming formal um, and I kind of wanted to just take this time to use you all as a sounding board for the rest of the homecoming committee as to what students would want to see during homecoming week. This would be the march or march the week of March twentieth, by the way just to give you an idea. Um! The hot air balloon is also something that is in the in talks. That's something that they did last year. If you got to ride it, that's cool. um! Do you have any preference as to what you would like to see, or what you would not like to see?

**Senator Scott:** I think it's been kind of a tradition to have that crawfish well, and the golf cart parade all kind of around the same time.

**President Smith:** Yeah, it's an ignore my typing on boil.

**Senator Vargas:** So I'm not gonna lie. I would love for the chance to be able to dunk on some of my professors and some of the faculty.

**President Smith:** Oh, basketball. Okay, Yeah. So that was one of the things that Um, that was one of the things that uh was suggested. Um, is that instead of doing a kickball um Maybe even a baseball softball game is maybe have a basketball or volleyball game instead. Josh says hot air



balloon will one hundred percent be part of it. It's one of the oldest traditions, awesome. So, I think. Uh, if I'm remembering correctly this for a would be more of an alumni focused event, and that some of the events that are on here is there. Sometimes they're going to be more alumni focused because part of homecoming is trying to get alumni to come back and engage with the university. Um! All it really is just kind of like a I think a meet and greet kind of lunch get together? Um, one of the questions, too. That is um kind of being proposed, and I think I've asked a few of you already. This but um, as you know, all these events throwing them is very expensive. Um! And we try to keep them as free as possible, but to make a bigger and better homecoming event uh homecoming week. Um! It would probably require um some of these events to be paid for. Um, so I don't know I.

**President Smith:** One of the suggestions was to make sure that some of the oldest traditions are still kept free. But anything new that is added is obviously paid for. Um!

How would you feel about that? Because one of the things on there is a concert. Actually, no, it's not on there, but or the so the alumni concerts that's on there. It that wouldn't be completely al alumni centered. There is a concert that would likely that might happen that um would end with the fireworks show. So, um! They're trying to work out who they would even ask to be a part of that, trying to make sure that it would be kind of as raw genre as possible, so that most people can enjoy it so that way. It's not just one drawn around one group. But how would you all feel about having like a concert? And then, like a fireworks show like right after that that'd be something that you would attend. Would it be something that you would pay to go to? It wouldn't be. It wouldn't be like the because the thing is that the University would be paying for the concert, but in order to pay for some of it, they would have to probably have tickets that are paid for by people where they are going to subsidize it and make the cost a little bit cheaper.

**VP Bennett:** Would it be only the people that are able to attend the concert will be able to attend to the fireworks if we do it that way?

**President Smith:** No, so if you do not attend the concert, you can still attend to see the firework show.

**Senator Vargas:** Not gonna lie a bonfire would be kind of fun.

**President Smith:** How many of you are familiar with Texas A& M. Or top ten? Yeah. So that's kind of what they have in mind as to as to um what they want to do for a bonfire. The problem obviously is making sure that's safe, and making sure that you can find the proper location for it, which, to be honest, not really sure we have any locations for it. But no, not the plaza. No, no, no, definitely not the blazer. Go ahead. Price? Um, I don't have the exact quotes, but I think around ten to fifteen dollars is what's been floated again. That's not send stone, so don't quote me on that. I don't know if it'll read you

**President Smith:** The concert, if it were to happen, it would be out in the plaza. Um, and there'd be. It wouldn't just be like I mean, if you're at the Pharmacy building or somewhere, you can still





hear it, and everything like that. But it's going to be dated so that way. Only attendees can actually be in front of the stage. We're not calling it midnight. Yale. Um. So one of the other things I actually did forget to mention is that if the bond for bonfire were to have, there is a chance that we would have midnight breakfast, and then the bonfire would be after midnight breakfast. That is one of the ideas that's been floated right now. You would not be able to roast marshmallows or hot dogs, because it would be too big to get that close to. um. Any other questions, comments, or concerns that are serious relating to homecoming.

**Senator Holman:** This is just me thinking, since the older traditions they are more traditional. Maybe we could charge for those. I know the newer traditions, but it may kind of keep people away from trying the newer things that we add on If we do charge for that. Well, as the older things are more well known, and so people are more willing to pay to participate in those.

**President Smith:** Would you be more willing to, if there are going to be events that you have to pay for? Would you be more willing to pay for some of the older traditions that we have done? Or would you be more willing to pay for the newer events that we might have. New show fans for newer. If you really need to pay for the newer ones versus the old. Okay. So here it's mostly you would pay for the new events. Yeah, yeah. So like a comedy show, or like the concert or um. Anything that is like very much like show oriented, will probably be paid for, or probably have to pay for. Um. There is a question just because i'm curious. But, for example, the crawfish boil. If you were to. If the University were to ask like one dollar to be paid for that, Would you? Would you do that? Okay, What about five dollars? And if okay, I'm: Just and then this again. This is just me getting feedback to bring that to the homecoming committee, because I want to make sure it's. We're as relevant as possible.

**VP Bennett:** uh because I um, So is there anything for homecoming for the distance campuses?

**President Smith:** Yes, so they that is actively in uh conversation whenever we're talking about a lot of these events. Um! Some of the events that we're also going to have is going to be passive. But you go join um. Some of the events that we're going to have are going to be passive to so like um we haven't worked at all out yet, obviously. But so we only had one meeting, but uh one of the passive events. Um! That we could do, for across every campus is going to be like door decorations or hallway decorations and stuff like that, and then provide hopefully some sort of price to maybe make it incentivize it a little bit more. Um, So we'll probably have something like that. I know that's been a tradition in the past two, and I don't know if it's been extant expanded to distance campuses. But um anytime we talk about any of these events. This is camp distance. Campuses are constantly on the agenda to remind ourselves. Um, yes, I Yeah, no, Jordan, If you have anything to say about what you would like to see, please. This is for everybody, not just main campus.

**Senator Khan:** Yeah, there are tons of good things that we could. We could talk about in terms of when coming. I know traditionally at distance campuses, especially down here in Houston. It's not as a popular event, um, because traditionally we haven't really done anything that big. So maybe that's something that we want to look at and making more popular and getting more



students excited about it. Um. That's something we can talk about definitely. If you want to combine me, we can. I'd love to set up a meeting to talk about that, too. And then maybe we could even um tag in a few others. Just so that way. Get more, input

**Senator Scott:** So say we go to the route of maybe like like you said hypothetically, charging five dollars for a prop as well. But we also do a community service day. Would it be like a thing that if you attend Community Service day you could actually have that be way, then to incentivize them, to go to do community service,

**President Smith:** could ask, could ask, I don't know if they would jump on it or not. But any other suggestions. How would you all feel about having a formal. formal. Raise your hand. Okay, just raise your hand if you would go to the formal. If we were to host one.

**Senator Mattern:** How would we do a formal with so many people? How do we hold that many people?

**President Smith:** Um. So one of the suggestions uh, I think what they have in mind currently would be maybe be doing it at the Oec, where University Academy is, and stuff. Um, That would be one of the suggestions. That's one of these suggestions right now. Um, because you're right. We don't really have a lot like if a lot of people go, we don't have a whole lot of spaces that can support something like that. So that's probably one of the main considerations. Whenever we talk about doing a formal right now.

### **Advisor Comments**

**Advisor Neaves:** All right, So I You know the homecoming is ideas that we have talked about It's It's pretty exciting. Uh i'm Glad that you know, we're playing a lot further in advance. And, as mentioned, we really do want everyone's feedback on this uh, because we really want to make sure we do things where as soon as showed up, you know, last year we thought the Faculty versus Student Kick Ball tournament was going to be a huge hit with students, and we were wrong. Um! It was popular with the faculty and staff, but not so much with the students. And so uh, we really want to make sure as we do homecoming week, that um we try to get it, you know, as everybody in our campus community involved uh, including our distance campuses historically for our distance campus students. We've always had barbecue or some sort of food option uh with some T-shirts, and we're even talking about how do we make that even bigger? Uh for our long view, Palestine or Long view Houston campuses, and then get the Houston or Palestine feedback, uh to see what they would like to do or keep the traditional schedule. What we've done there. The housing uh presentation today, I think that you know there was a lot of great questions. Uh, I think that should also pat you ourselves on the back, because you all have consistently advocated over the years on this process to make it better. Uh. And so I think it's. It's really exciting to be able to see those changes go into place, and we're excited to see how it works out. Um, you know this upcoming housing selection. So if you do see uh or you know here a feedback from other students uh make sure to share that with Deep and Christian, because



they have spent a lot of time uh into this software and making it as smooth as possible. Um! Other than that I I'll. Oh, I do, wanna comment. I really did enjoy the updates from our student voice reports. Uh it sounds like there's a lot of great things going on in our colleges, and so um just make sure uh for those who are upcoming in the future. Um really try to figure out what's going on in your area, or even meet with the Dean for your college to see what's going on, and so that way you can provide that feedback for the group, and then other than that, that's all I've got

### **Announcements**

**President Smith:** Um, all right. Just a few announcements. Um, of course. Um, you know this announcement: um student region and the Texas higher Education coordinating board. Um, If you're not a going to apply, find somebody who is Um, because we want applications. Um, and it's a very, very important and prestigious position, both of them. Um November eighth election watch party. Um, we've said this before, but just to remind you all this is a required mandatory event. The thing that we are doing this year is that if you are not going to go to the November eighth election watch party, you will be required to hand out finals bags during Finals week, so I will be reaching out to each of you all to find out which one that you were attending um. Once I have that down, then I will make sure that you will attend the finals week's uh final bag, finals week's, bags, um handing out.

**No Senator of the Week this Week.**

**Let the record show this meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.**